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SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

ALL ITS PHASES TO BE DISCUSSED AT DENVER THIS MONTH.

Most Important Question Is Proposed Changes in the International Lesson System.

OVER 13,000,000 STUDENTS

INTERESTED IN THE COMING SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Triennial Meeting Which Will Be Attended by over 1,000 Delegates—The Lesson Committee.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

NEW YORK, June 7.—What will be, in most respects, the most important religious convention of the year, the tenth international Sunday-school convention, is to meet in Denver, June 25 to 30. From one thousand to two thousand delegates, Sunday-school workers are expected to attend. The international convention is a delegated body representing auxiliary associations and standing for the organized co-operation of Sunday-school interests. The international lesson is the chief fruit of the associations, and while the international convention meets but triennially, there is held under its auspices 10,000 or more annual local conventions. Through these the best and most practical methods are being developed, the standard of teaching is raised and Sunday-school extension is furthered.

One of the functions of the international convention is the election of a lesson committee to prepare the international series for 1906-11. The committee to be appointed this year will be unusually important, because since the appointment of the present committee in 1896 the whole field of Sunday-school teaching has received unusual attention from specialists in pedagogy, and a comparatively new psychology of religious training has come to the front and must be considered by the new committee. The whole subject of Sunday-school curricula will be thoroughly discussed in the convention and some radical changes in methods and lessons would not be unexpected. There are, for instance, two live questions to come before the Denver meeting, on both of which much feeling exists. One of them is whether the number of temperance lessons shall be decreased. Under the present arrangement four temperance lessons are interspersed each year into the otherwise consecutive and logical series. Pressure will be brought at Denver to have this number reduced to two. Many think that these special lessons ought to be taken out altogether, but friends of temperance instruction will stoutly oppose such course, and may even fight the proposed reduction. The other live question is the breaking of the uniformity of the lessons. This uniformity has already been broken in some slight measure by the adoption of the junior series. Now it is proposed to further break it by the adoption of senior series. If this be done the uniformity of the international series will disappear, probably forever, and with that uniformity will go much of the reason for the existence of such lessons and the selecting committee.

CRITICISM FREQUENT.
Criticism of the lesson committee has been frequent of late, especially since what may be called the pedagogy of the Sunday school has been better understood, but much of the criticism is unjust, because based upon ignorance of the plan of its appointment and its spirit. The committee came into existence at the international convention in 1872, and is first and last, only a committee of selection. It does not prepare expositions of the lessons, these are entirely the product of publishing houses and their writers. The committee has always asked advice and suggestion from outside, biblical scholars and Sunday-school workers being asked to co-operate in order that lessons which may best meet the needs of the entire country may be selected. The committee was organized in 1872, and it is reported that 13,044,728 pupils in North America were studying these lessons from Sunday to Sunday. The lesson committee is composed of fifteen American members and a British section of eight correspondents. All the members are elected by the international convention, itself a delegated body.

The present committee consists of John Potts, D. D., Ontario, Methodist, chairman; A. E. Dunning, D. D., Boston, Congregational, secretary; J. M. Stiff, D. D., Pennsylvania, Baptist; B. F. Jacobs, Chicago, Baptist; J. I. D. Hinds, Ph. D., Tennessee, Cumberland Presbyterian; B. B. Tyler, D. D., Denver, Presbyterians; J. S. Stahr, D. D., Lancaster, Pa., Reformed; J. R. Sampey, D. D., Louisville, Baptist; H. W. Warren, D. D., Denver, Methodist; A. F. Schaeffer, D. D., New York, Presbyterian; E. R. Kephart, D. D., Baltimore, United Brethren; John R. Pepper, Memphis, Southern Methodist; W. W. Moore, D. D., Virginia, Presbyterian; Moshem Rhodes, D. D., St. Louis, Lutheran; E. I. Rexford, Montreal, Episcopal. Of the British section, six reside in London, one in Calcutta, India, and one in Melbourne, Australia. Mr. B. F. Jacobs, of Chicago, has belonged to every lesson committee since the plan was adopted. Dr. Schaeffer has had almost as long service, while Bishop Vincent, of the Methodist Church, now resident in Europe, has always been active in the interest of the international series.

The international lesson system dates from 1822, when the first convention was held in New York. The year following a convention was held in Philadelphia, but the time was not ripe for the work. Twenty-six years elapsed before the third convention was held, also in Philadelphia. Ten years later the Sunday-school workers met in Newark, N. J., but it was not until 1872 that the uniform system was adopted and the first lesson committee appointed. From that time conventions have been held triennially, and Baltimore, Atlanta, Toronto, Louisville, Chicago, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Boston and Atlanta (for the second time) have been the scenes of conventions. Meanwhile, America sent, in 1889, four hundred delegates to the world's convention in London, and about the same number to the third world's gathering in the same city in 1898. The second world's convention was held in connection with the St. Louis meeting, in 1898.

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1869, at Newark, twenty-eight States and one Territory sent delegates, while at the last convention, Atlanta, 1893, thirty-six States and Territories and four British provinces were represented. In 1896, Mexico, Central America and the West Indies became a part of the international work. It is now estimated that in North America 13,000,000 Sunday schools use the international lesson series, having an enrolled membership of 13,500,000 scholars. All but six States and provinces are organized auxiliaries of the convention. Many of these auxiliaries, such as Ohio, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, have reached a very high state of efficiency. In twenty-nine States and six provinces paid workers devote their time to Sunday-school interests, so that fifty or more specialists in various departments are constantly employed in an effort to better methods and secure larger results. Since 1892, the workers have met in annual conference for the consideration of their special problems. The state associations do not lose their identity in the convention and their autonomy is preserved.

Every State and Territory is represented in the convention by four delegates for every 150,000 of population. A corresponding number is admitted from the provinces and territories of Canada and Newfoundland. The delegates are appointed by the executive committees of their associations and only persons holding such appointment have the privilege of voting in the convention. The convention is supported, financially, by the state organizations, and the \$12,000 or so which it annually spends is secured through pledges made by the auxiliaries at the triennial gatherings. On the tentative programme for the Denver meeting are the names of the most prominent Sunday-school workers in this country and Canada and the effects of the convention will doubtless be

MAY CALL AN ARBITRATION MEETING.



CHARLES A. MOORE.

The anthracite coal mine operators having declined to arbitrate questions growing out of the great strike in Pennsylvania, Mr. Moore, of the Civic Federation, is being urged to call a meeting of operators, miners and others in an effort to end the strike.

far-reaching and the scientific teaching of the Bible to the young advanced.

Quakers who are known as orthodox, to distinguish them from the Hicksites, are to revise their discipline on the subject of marriage and divorce. A committee was named at the Yearly Meeting of 1901, and reported progress at the Yearly Meeting of 1902, just held. An interesting action of the late meeting was the naming of a co-ordinate committee, consisting of women. Recognizing, as Quakers do, the absolute equality of the sexes, in the right to speak in meeting for suzerainty and also as ministers as much ordained as are any Quakers, this is yet the first time women have ever been called upon to assist in a revision of the primary rules of Yearly Meeting. The discipline concerns women equally with men, and the subject is one that Episcopalians, Presbyterians and Baptists have now acted officially upon, in so far as the naming of committees for conference, having for the ultimate purpose the securing of uniform laws on the subject of marriage and divorce. It is further interesting, this action of the Quakers, that it was taken by Philadelphia Orthodox Yearly Meeting, the most conservative Quaker body in the world.

GAINING IN INDIANA.

Superintendent Curtis's Report on the Congregational Church's Growth.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE INDIANAPOLIS JOURNAL.
SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 6.—At the meeting of the Congregational Home Mission Society here this week, the Rev. E. D. Curtis, D. D., of Indianapolis, superintendent for Indiana, submitted his report. It showed that the receipts in that State in the past year amounted to \$1,067,132. Twenty-nine missionaries have been in service during the whole or part of the year, in connection with thirty churches and stations. Twenty-seven Sunday schools report a membership of 3,028.

Superintendent Curtis reported that the possibilities and needs of a strong forward movement of the society exist in his district. There is a great strategic opportunity from a denominational point of view. The report continues: "The intense activity in material development consequent on the discovery and utilization of natural gas in the eastern counties continues without cessation. While the supply of gas is diminishing, the immense production of oil, amounting, last year, to nearly 1,000,000 barrels, suffice to keep up the excitement. The output is increasing and all lines of commercial and industrial activity are in a prosperous condition. In many features this movement possesses a resemblance to the old-time Western 'boom.' County seats, towns of three or four thousand, are becoming manufacturing cities of twenty thousand inhabitants. Youthful vigor, insight, adventurous restlessness and the strenuous life, characterize these new communities. The only Northern State in which Congregationalism neglected to secure a foothold in pioneer days, is now in the full tide of a second epoch of settlement and readjustment of social and religious conditions. Taking into account the strangeness of Congregationalism to Indiana and the strangeness of much of Indiana to Congregationalism, causing a lack

of real static force which is to be deplored, quite satisfactory progress has been made during the past year.

"Four recently organized churches voted self-support, relieving the treasury \$750. East Chicago, Hope Church of Anderson, Trinity of Indianapolis, and Porter constitute the list, with salaries ranging from \$1,400 to \$800, and all are suitably provided with buildings. Four new churches have been organized: South Bend, with 25 members; since increased to 35; Miller, with 7 members; La Crosse, with 28 members, 17 on confession; Gaston, with 14 members, all but two on confession."

KNEIPP CURES GALORE.

All Sorts of Remedies Used by Disciples of the Bavarian Priest.

New York Mail and Express.
Since the introduction in the United States, several years ago, of the Knapp method of curing disease there has been a steady growth in the number of remedies advocated and placed on sale by the promoters of the theories and practices of the famous Bavarian priest. At first Father Knapp's system was confined to walking barefooted through wet grass, and a few simple applications of hot and cold water; whereas, at present, not only has the "water cure" been elaborated upon, but herb medicines of all kinds and for all ailments are sold, in addition to the development of a large trade in Knapp diets.

Chief among the latter is the Knapp malt coffee, for which a large sale is predicted in the near future, not alone to those who have been even most emphatic in deriding his work. Malt coffee is manufactured from barley, and makes a really palatable beverage. Knapp tea has also

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TALK OF COAL FAMINE

WHAT IT WOULD MEAN TO PEOPLE OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Industries Would Be Paralyzed and the City Would in Every Sense Be Dead.

LIFE OF THE COAL FIELDS

ANTHRACITE PRODUCT WILL LAST OVER SIXTY YEARS.

Some Information About the Coal Fields of Indiana—Three Big Miners' Strikes.

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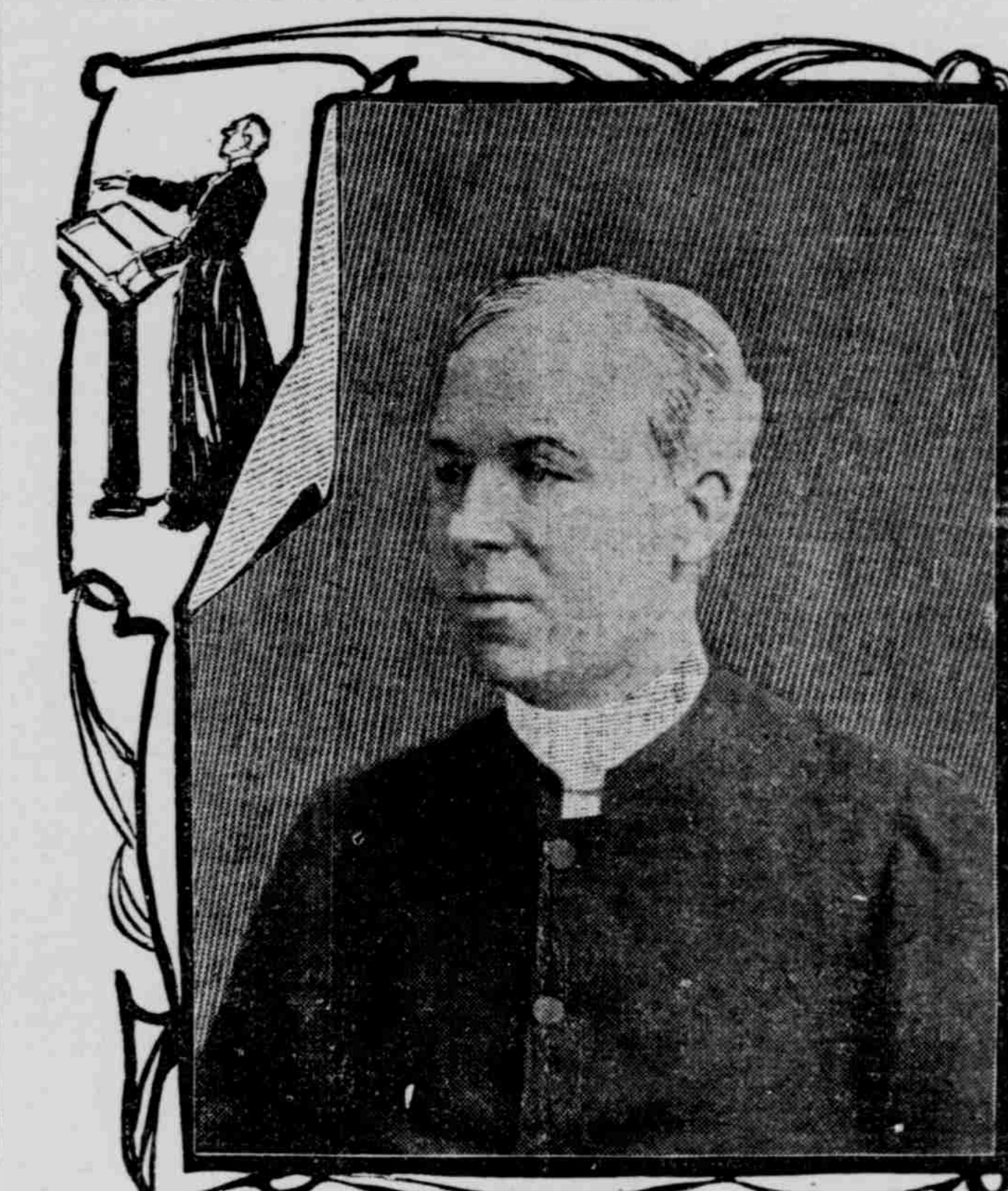
is a conceded fact that mining in Indiana is becoming one of the leading enterprises in the State. Of course, the only quality of coal that comes from this State is soft, or bituminous, and is used here for all purposes, even to the making of steam.

INDIANA COAL BEDS.

The extent of the coal beds in Indiana is not unknown, as mining has been the chief industry in certain parts of the State since 1850, and from the year 1873 mining operations on a large scale have been actively developed. In certain places where coal mining has been carried on extensively for some time, to find connected mines where one may travel for several miles underground is not exceptional. It is often possible to trace a coal bed across a whole county and even farther. An instance of this kind occurs in Pennsylvania, where the largest bed of coal in the country is located. If a person will start from Pittsburgh and travel up the Monongahela river, or any of its tributaries, a conspicuous horizontal black band can be noticed, broken only at intervals by openings from which tramways lead to long buildings extending out over the river. The black band is the well-known Pittsburgh coal bed, and has been traced over an area 235 miles long and 100 miles wide. In Iowa, which is a large coal-producing State, conditions are just opposite to what they are in Pennsylvania, for there it is a rare thing to find a coal bed more than four or five miles in extent. It is more than possible that some of the main beds of Indiana extend over several thousand square miles, and it is thought by many that they are one continuous sheet of coal that covers most of Illinois, part of Indiana and Kentucky.

It is shown that a large portion of this State is underlain with coal, as the area exceeds 7,000 square miles. Out of the total number of counties, which is ninety-two,

FATHER DUCY A FRIEND OF LABOR.



Father Ducey, who has taken an active part in adjusting previous labor trouble, is awaiting an opportunity to use his good offices in the anthracite miners' strike.

coal is found in twenty-six of them. Of this number fourteen are entirely underlain with coal, six where coal is found in the largest part and six which contain coal in small quantities. The county that has the most coal is Knox, which has a coal area of 530 square miles, and the coal beds there are for the most part workable. At Vincennes, which is the county seat, the shafts are sunk to a depth of from 350 to 400 feet.

It is here that the thickest beds in the State are found, which measure over thirty-two feet in depth. While the coal bed of Knox county covers the largest area, Clay county produces the most coal. The amount that comes from that county is twice as large as that from Knox. At Montgomery, its coal bed covering only nine square miles and not workable. The coal area of Indiana has a maximum length north and south of about 200 miles, while in width it is about 100 miles. This coal strip is narrow at the north and widens at the south end of the State.

SUPPLY OF COAL.

It is worthy of note that now that scientists are becoming much alarmed at the prospect of the supply of coal in the earth being exhausted. Dr. Peter Roberts, author of "The Anthracite Coal Industry," says that, as all the anthracite coal comes from one small district in northern Pennsylvania, it will be entirely exhausted in sixty or seventy years. He further says that sooner or later the prospect of a coal famine must be faced. Unless some substitute for coal can be found it is impossible to imagine the great changes that must take place in our methods of industry and rapid transit. M. Sarrault, chief of engineers of the Northern Railway of France, offers a solution of the fuel problem. He says: "In ten years petroleum and alcohol will take the place of coal, and in this way all the dangers of a coal famine will be averted." It is said that this condition is mostly brought about by the present method of mining, because it is very wasteful; only one ton out of every three reaches the consumers, and there were 60,000,000 tons taken out last year. It seems, however, from all reports, that the present generation need feel no alarm about the giving out of coal, for even the scientists say that anthracite coal will last sixty or seventy years. If, however, such a thing as the changing and exhaustion of competing fields and the better methods of utilizing the Indiana coal would greatly increase the demand, it would necessarily tend to shorten the life of the fields. On the whole, it seems safe to assume, even with the increased demand, that the life of the Indiana coal fields will cover at least 300 years and probably longer.

V. S. Blatchley, state geologist, says that the last report he prepared and that was devoted almost exclusively to coal, was in 1888. This report shows that in 1881 the production of coal in Indiana was 4,083,124 tons, and that the capital invested was \$1,750,000. Of course, since that time

the demand has increased to such an extent that no doubt the production is about double, and coal land has increased in value about in the same proportion. The worth of land which is underlain with coal is not as great, however, as many people might imagine, and yet there is no special rule that can be laid down regarding this. In most places lands that sell for from \$30 to \$60 an acre without coal sell for from \$40 to \$100 an acre where coal is known to be. Lands that are some distance from a railroad or working mines may often be obtained as low as \$25 an acre and less.

INDIANA MINERS.

Secretary Wilson, of the United Mine Workers, says that there are approximately 19,800 miners employed in this State. In the last four years they have taken part in two of the three great strikes. The last one that they participated in was the great strike which occurred on Sept. 17, 1900. It involved